# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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Development of Kho-Kho
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop traditional games like kho-kho, if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether some more games would be included for women's sports category, if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Madam, 'Sports' is a state subject. The primary responsibility for development of sports including traditional games like Kho-Kho rests with the State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned.

To promote traditional/domestic and indigenous sports, Government of India has given recognition to various NSFs like Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation, Kho-Kho Federation of India, Tug-of-War Federation of India and Atya Patya Federation of India.

In order to promote traditional games, Government approved financial assistance up to 30 lakhs to Kho-Kho Federation of India for organizing the 3rd Asian Kho-Kho Championship for Men & Women in India during April, 2016.

(b) Madam, there is no separate women's sports category. All the schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports are inclusive in nature.

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